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PRICE TWOPENCE.



THE LATE TOM SAYERS.

The appearance of the entries for the spring handicaps generally brings Turfmen together, inasmuch as it forms at least a subject for conjecture as to the possible and probable impacts which will fall to the several candidates. Having attended this afternoon, but the business features of the day were confined to two animals for the Derby, *Roscoe* and *Janitor*. The former had received a good deal of notice, and was backed for the Derby at 7 and 7 to 1, and at the Gate he was again in form. The first bet booked was 75 guineas; but the extra half point was not taken, and the total amount of the bets was only 100 guineas and a few hundred pounds. The dubious rumours recently in circulation about Lord *Alton* appeared to have rather a depressing effect upon his lordship, who was not in the least in the mood to back his own horse, and the result was that the bets were offered right through. *Roscoe* continues to advance by slow but sure strides. He, too, was made the medium of a fairish outcry at the Club in the afternoon, 22 to 1, and a small amount of business was done. *Janitor* was thought likely to get a small amount. There was a great furor about *Janitor* early in the day in *Wollington-street*, where 25 to 1 was taken to £300 about him; but at *Albert Gate* the same spirit of conservatism prevailed, and the bets were not so numerous. It is more probable, however, they would have liked a

his taking price, 25 to 1, at which he was in great demand. The same odd would have been taken about August to money, but layers were particularly shy in dealing with the French stable. Some three or four outsiders were introduced, which, with their price, will be found below.

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7 to 1	agst Duke of Beaufort's Rustic (f)
8 to 1	Lord St. Vincent's Rodan (f)
20 to 1	Ronron Brough's Junior (f)
25 to 1	Margaret Hastings's Fund (f)
25 to 1	Mr. Joseph Hawley's Woley (f)
100 to 15	Mr. Bove's Westwick (f)
100 to 15	Mr. St. George's Farm (f)
500 to 20	Mr. Hartley's Laner (f)

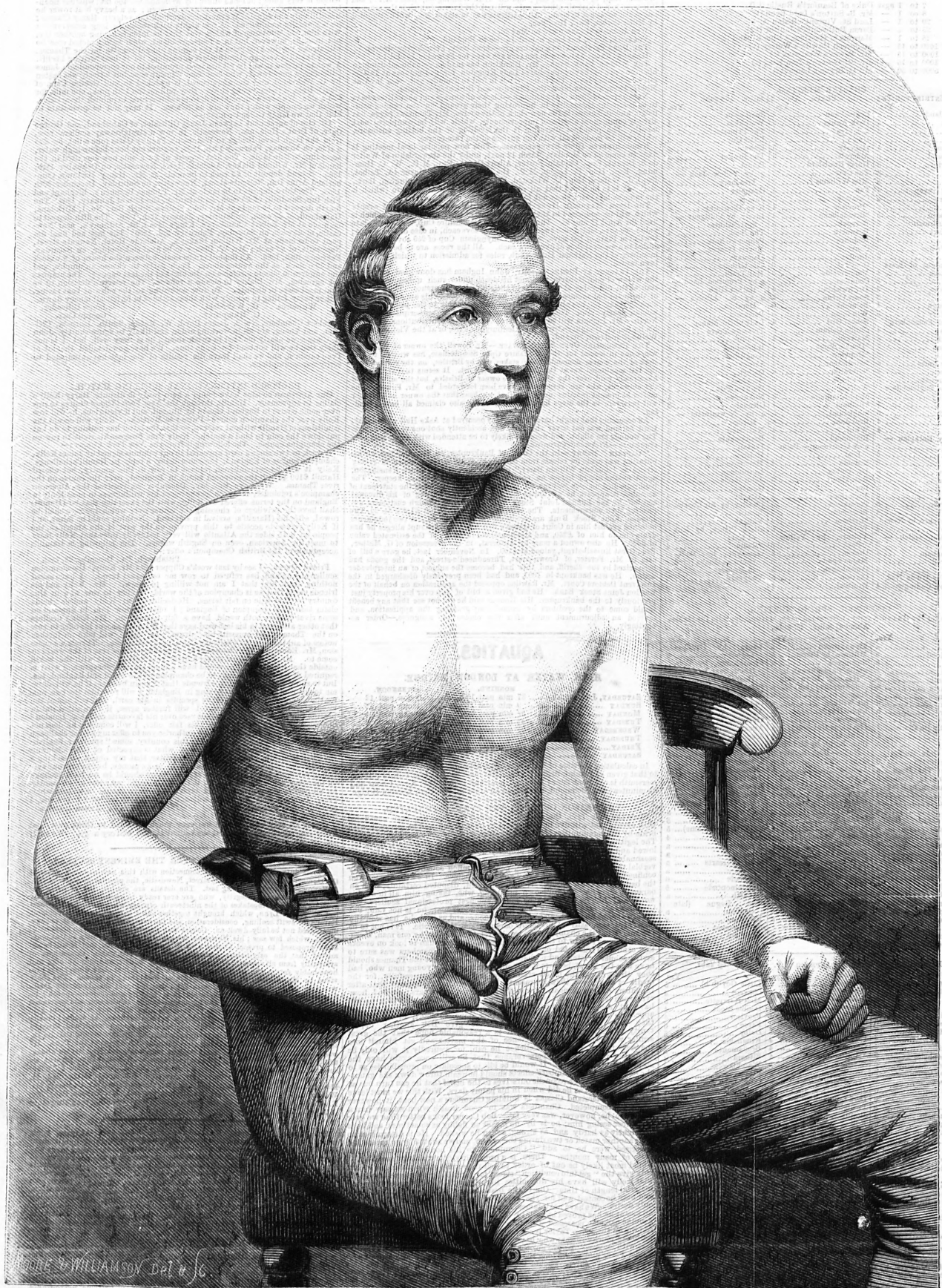
CHIEF MEETING.

ENTRIES FOR TRANSMISSION'S PLATE. About 2 miles. 156 subs.

Yrs.	Yrs.	Yrs.	Yrs.		
Lord Zealand	1	Leprobach	5	Sportman	3
Toddler	3	Dark Agnes	5	Watchdog	3
Mr. Pitt	3	Belgrave	4	The Prime	3
Redcap	4	Helen	5	Little Goy	4
Kangaroo	4	Honesty	5	Eltham	4
Blue Riband	4	Alders	5	The Brewer	4
Black Prince	3	Harry Balfour	4	Planet	5
Alberta	3	The Car	5	By Yellow Jack	5
Moulsley	5	Miss Williams	5	Treachery	4
Chimney Sweep	4	Fan	4	Grappier	4
The Clown	3	Cutaway	4	Junus	5
Delight	3	Provost	4	King Charming	5
"Can-Can-cus"	3	Breadalbane	4	Lively, by Voltaire	5
Life Guardman	3	Baragah	4	Spiritlights	4
Merry Hart	3	Bowthorpe	4	The Buck	4
Author	4	Redmire	4	Pepper's Ghost	4
By the Knight of	3	Convent	4	Morris Dancer	4
Sandal	3	Juniper	4	Dagmar	3
By the Knight of Kara	3	Goslar	4	The Grinder	4
Attack	3	Van der Velde	5	Mail Train	5
Plutus	3	Countess	3	By Promised Land	5
Don Basilio	3	Dr. Stralinal	3	Kather High	3
Xi	3	Silene Carre	3	by the High	5
Scarborough	3	Belmont	3	Doracine	3
Queen Mary	3	Windham	3	Performer	3
— Lima	3	By Lord Fauconberg	3	Widow of the Widow	3
Ackworth	3	Chillie Callam	3	Treasure Trove	3
Miss Allan	3	Mulver	3	Fidèle	3
Catapult	3	Chillie Callam	3	Fidèle	3
Tommy Jones	3	Hopvine	3	Kingfisher	3
Chimney	3	Gladiator	3	Suney	3
Miss Harriette	3	Double Stunt	3	Gladiator	3
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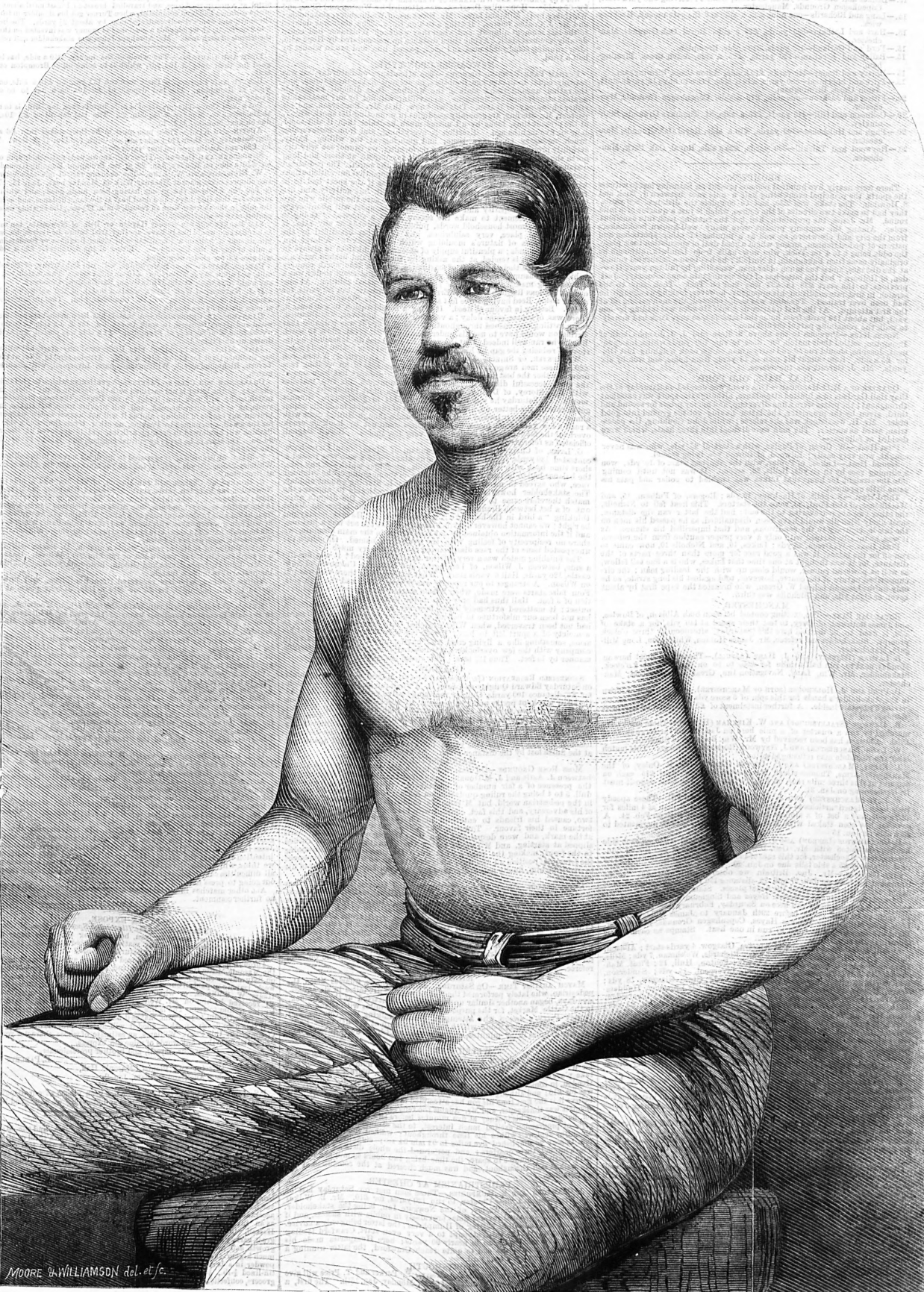


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seuse. Paddy Mann (Irish); Mrs. W. Jackson (sentimental and serio-comic); Miss Ella Jackson, Mr. William Jackson, the sensation comic; H. Turner (comique), and Mr. G. Lockette, comprise Mr. Barker's corps.

DUBLIN.

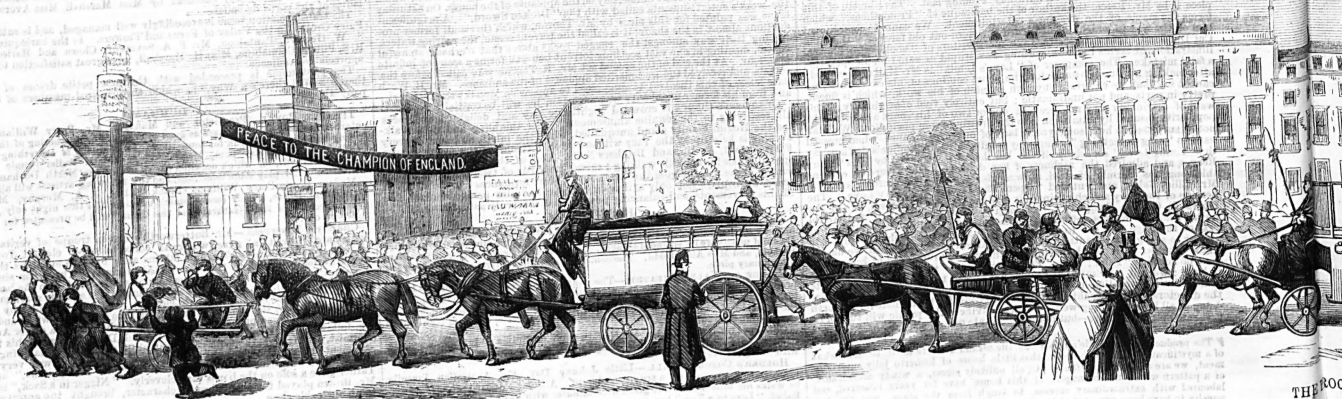
THEATRE ROYAL.—Dance's favourite comic drama entitled "Delightful Ground," has been selected to precede the pantomime during the week, giving the talented leading man of the theatre, Mr. W. Rignold, an opportunity of displaying his very superior ability as Citizen Sangfroid—this



"THE RED CAP" TAVERN.

"THE BRITANNIA" TAVERN.

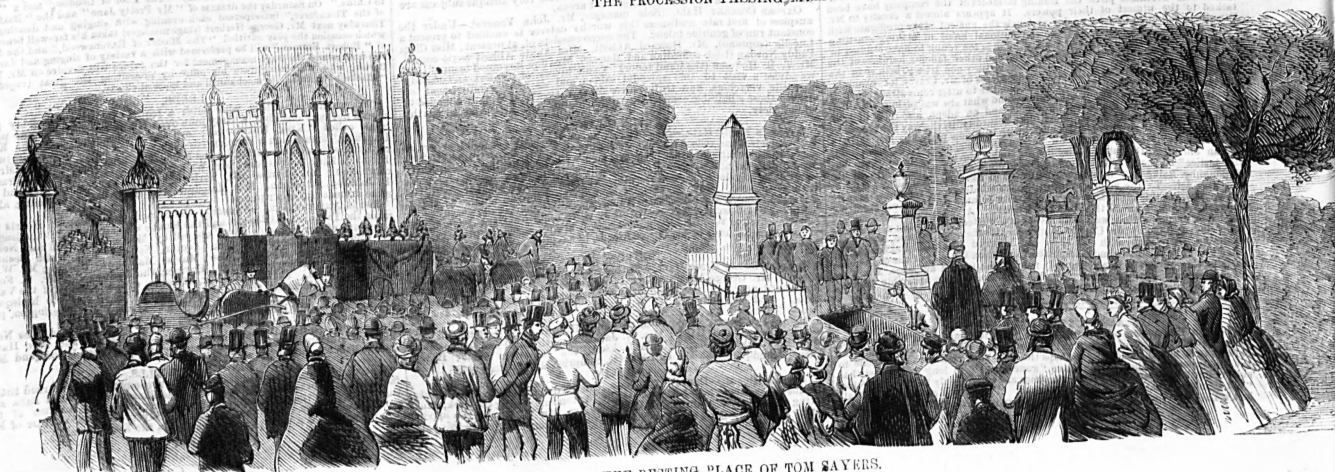
SAYER'S FAVOURITE DOG, PONY, AND PHAETON.



"THE BULL AND LAST" IN THE HIGHGATE ROAD.

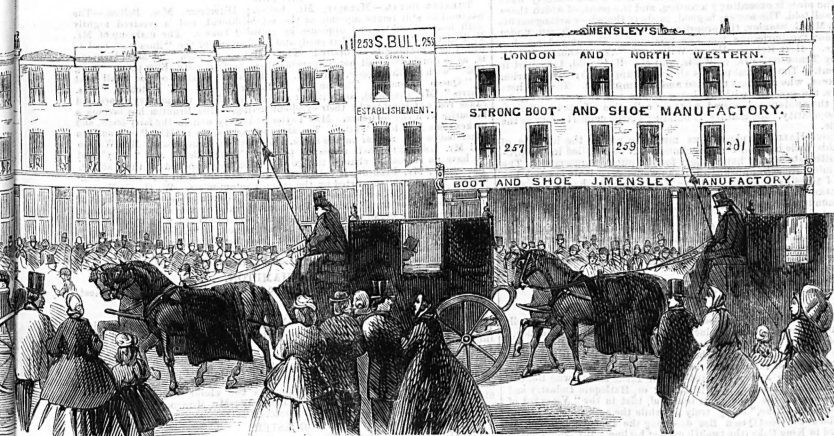


THE PROCESSION PASSING MISS BURDETT COUTTS' COTTAGES IN SWAINE'S LANE.



THE RESTING PLACE OF TOM SAYERS.

THE FUNERAL OF TOM SAYERS.



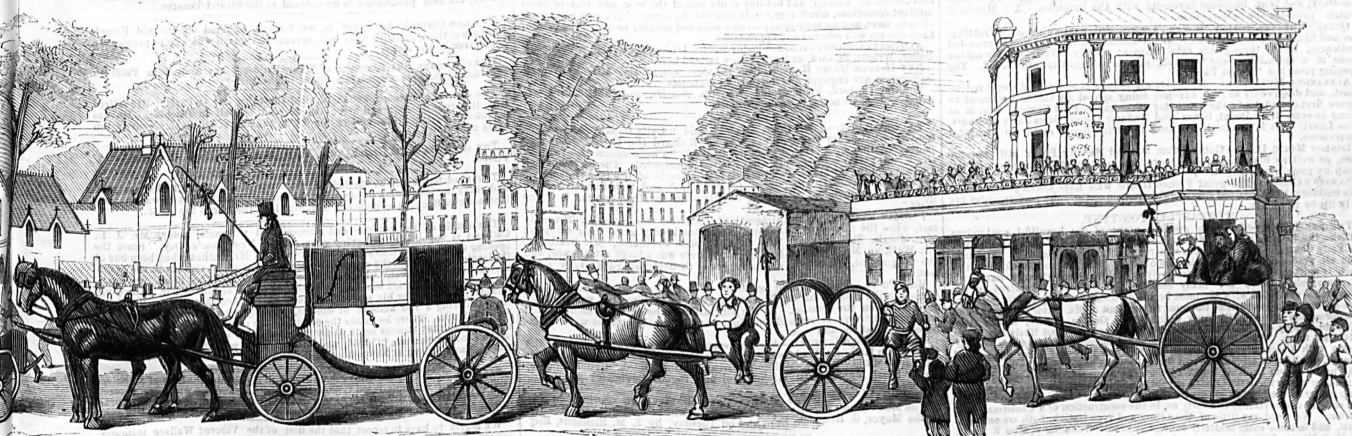
MR. MENSLEY'S HOUSE AT CAMDEN TOWN, WHERE THE COTTAGE IN WHICH SAYERS WAS BORN.



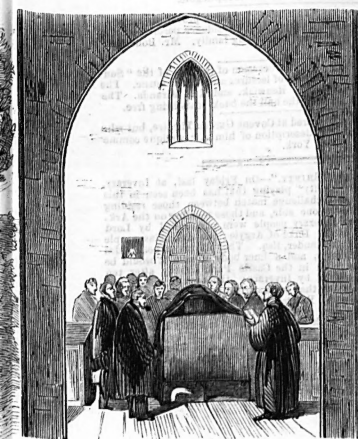
TOM SAYERS'S COTTAGE AT CAMDEN TOWN.



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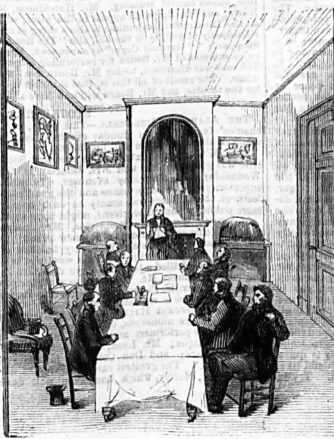
THE "DUKE OF ST. ALBAN'S" TAVERN.



THE CHAPEL



THE ROOM IN WHICH SAYERS DIED.



THE READING OF THE WILL



TOM SAYERS'S FAVOURITE CORNER AT THE "BRITANNIA" TAVERN.

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THE RING

- 16-Rooke and Ryall—£200 a side, London district.
 23-Murphy and Westhead—£25 a side, catch-weight, Liverpool.
 24-Whithead and Wood—£10 a side, Yorkshire.
 25-Follows and Lane—£25 a side, at St. 12th, Midland District.
 26-Les and O'Balduin—£20 a side, catch-weight, London District.
 27-Hawkes and Regan—£20 a side, Regan to be 10st 10lb, and Baldock catch-weight, London.
 28-Hawkes and Hoden—£20 a side, 8st, Midland District.
 29-Jem Dillon and Bob Travers—£100 a side, London.

THE FORTHCOMING CONTEST BETWEEN ROOKE AND RYALL

The near approach of the time for the settlement of the match between J. Rooke and W. Ryall causes a greater amount of interest than any other affair of the kind for some time. The meeting is appointed to take place early in the ensuing week, when they enter the Ring at catch weight, for the large stake of £400. Both have already distinguished themselves in the roped arena, and in the provinces, more especially in Birmingham and neighbourhood; it is the engrossing topic in sporting circles.

Both are reported as being in first-rate condition; we saw Rooke this week at his training quarters, the George and Dragon, Altrincham, where he is taking his breathings under the care of Harry Allen, of Birmingham. Jack says he never felt better in his life, and speaks with confidence as to the result of the coming tourney. He is in magnificent fettle and superb condition, reflects great credit upon his trainer. He will pay a flying visit to his own house, the Locomotive Inn, Oldham-road, Manchester, to-day and to-morrow, and will arrive in London early on Monday, taking up his quarters at Bob Travers's Sun and Thirteen Cantons, Castle-street, Leicester-square, where he will hold his horses, and be glad to see both town and country friends.

Of Ryall we also hear favourable accounts; he has been taking his breathings in the neighbourhood of Lichfield, in company with Tom West, of Bristol; but Mr. Richardson, who has the management of the affair, in conjunction with Bob Brettell, has left no stone unturned to do the best for the gallant B. To the latter for the last fortnight has had the advantage of the ripened experience of Mr. George Woody, of London, to put on the finishing touches. Ryall will arrive in London early on Monday, and take up his quarters at the Blue Anchor, Church-street, Shoreditch, and in the evening a great gathering is expected to meet him. Jem Mace, who has interested in Rooke's fight, will be in London early on Sunday evening, where he will be glad of a call from his friends.

The colours of the men have been issued for some time; those of Rooke being of a most elaborate pattern; a portrait of Rooke himself, in private dress, seated in the centre, surrounded by a frame of colour—something of the kind, but the latter for the last fortnight has had the advantage of the ripened experience of Mr. George Woody, of London, to put on the finishing touches. Ryall will arrive in London early on Monday, and take up his quarters at the Blue Anchor, Church-street, Shoreditch, and in the evening a great gathering is expected to meet him. Jem Mace, who has interested in Rooke's fight, will be in London early on Sunday evening, where he will be glad of a call from his friends.

Arrangements will be made of a very stringent character; the figure for the journey will be high, so as, if possible, to exclude the "rough" element; there will be no favour shown to any one, for all who wish to go will have to "part," no matter who he may be, or whatever his condition, and if either party might wish to favour a friend, he will have to open his pocket, and he will be glad to see both town and country friends. The principal members have made arrangements to require gentlemen to the ring side, and if all will but endeavour to do as much as they have promised, and perform their duty in the furtherance not only of order, but also in protecting those who really ought to be protected, a blow can be given to rowdiness, which has of late given many tremendous shocks towards the downy slumber of the Ring.

We shall give full and special reports of the affair in our next, and trust to be enabled to report a fight worthy the stake. Here is a rare chance for the members of the Ring to win back the good name they have lost, and if they do not seize the opportunity we can assure them that not only will they lose the patronage of the Ring, but many well-respected and retired pugilists have expressed their intention of at once and for ever abandoning those whose sole aim of late has been to bring humiliation and disgrace upon themselves.

The betting, hitherto, in most instances has been at evens; it is expected, however, that Rooke will be favourite before and on the day.

The place of the fight, which is at the residence of Bob Travers's, Nat Langham's, or Jesse Hatton's, in the West, will be the exclusive information at the Blue Anchor. The day is not yet exactly fixed, but it will be necessary to look "high, wide, and sharp" about the day fixed. Efficient men of the P.B.A. (if they will only perform their duty) have been selected to act as seconds for all countrymen who wish to witness the fight, and to London to do so, for the whereabouts will be kept secret up to the latest possible moment.

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FIGHT BETWEEN FAULKNER AND JORDAN.

The fight for £1000 between the two pugilists came off on Tuesday last in a convenient spot, near the Ploagh Inn, Minworth. Faulkner, who is an experienced trainer, and who has before contended in the Ring, is a year and a half older than Jordan, who is a novice without more experience than that of the share of one rope and ready to take his own part. His age is 35, and his height 5ft. 9in. He was backed from Chatterley's, Colgate Tavern, Summer-lane. On the scale on Monday, the two pugilists were both found under the stated weight; the tip was given after some brisk betting at 6 to 4 on Faulkner. Notwithstanding the menacing state of the weather, a numerous party assembled at the appointed place at an early hour, and in a heavy fall of snow, the ring was pitched at 8.30 the combatants made their appearance, in defiance of the "pelting of the pitiless storm," and the fight at once commenced.

Round 1.—On taking their position the attitudes they assumed had a very striking appearance, and showed that both knew what they came there for. Faulkner, with his left leg forward, and his right arm extended, and his back, slipped, but recovered himself, and observing "that's not a right," resumed his attitude. Faulkner went eagerly to work on Jordan's left side, who in return landed on his opponent's temple. Some rapid exchanges followed, in which Faulkner's quick hitting and his fearful effect on Jordan's damaged optic, who returned on Faulkner's mouth, from which the claret flowed profusely, giving Jordan a fearful effect on his face, and he was seen with such treacherous force that he fell as if shot, and notwithstanding all the efforts of his seconds his recovery to time was impracticable, and Jordan was declared victor, after occupying eleven minutes only in fighting the single round, which gained him the battle.

The result of this contest will be set at rest, the doubts of Jordan's pluck which were generally entertained, as he longed for a more important match in which his good qualities may be better distinguished.

J. C. HEENAN'S ARRIVAL IN AMERICA.

(From the New York Clipper.)

John C. Heenan came passenger by the steamship Cuba, from England, which arrived at Boston on the 20th. He had reached this city, and he is not advised. We are told that Heenan looks as well as he ever did, and is in the water as a first class passenger, and from his quiet demeanour and retired habits, it is not to be supposed that the vessel imagined that he was a false-passenger of thieves. Heenan was dressed in a very unostentatious manner, and said but little during the voyage to give a clue to his future movements. He is thought to be a very capable man, and who was a select color of Heenan's personal effect on the day he was received by them, and they proceeded to the Parker House, where the Bay engaged rooms. During his stay in Boston, he paid a visit to some of the sporting houses and billiard saloons, being on familiar terms with the fashionable game. It was expected that Heenan would arrive in New York on Christmas Day, but at the time of going to press on that evening, we had learned nothing as to his arrival.

YOUNG TOM LANE, now matched to fight Dick Fellers for 50 sows, takes a benefit on Monday next at Mr. Dan's, Red Rover Inn, Bridge-street, West, previous to going into training.

HARRY KIMBERLEY also takes a benefit on Monday next at Crutcheys, Spotted Dock Inn, Alcester-street, to reimburse his law expenses and fine for his fight with Bates.

JACK SMITH, better known as Mace's Wolf, is engaged at the Oxford-street Gymnasium, Manchester, where he holds the appointment of boxing master. His pupils gave him a benefit last Monday evening which was well attended.

PETER BANNING, of Glasgow, who it will be remembered a short time ago fought and defeated Harry Nevill, of Liverpool, takes a sparring benefit on Tuesday evening next at 30, Abchurch-lane, and will be backed by the street, Manchester. We hope he may have a bumper, as he is a very quiet and deserving young fellow.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, 10s. on each side has been handed in to the stakeholder by Arthur Chamberlain, of 10, Abchurch-lane, for their 5th engagement on February 6, for £25 a side. This must be increased to £10 a side next Tuesday evening between eight and 10, at Ned Evans's, Saw Mill Tavern, Chapel-road.

MOLMES VAL HILL, whose fight with Hickson we reported last week is not willing that he should wear the laurels without any other title, for which he is backed by the street, Manchester. The money ready at Mr. Ripley's, White Lion, Bury-street, Wolverhampton.

ALICE HICKS of Wolverhampton is ready to fight any man in England at St. 10lb. for £20 a side. Mace and money ready at 5, Dudley-street, Wolverhampton.

PETER MONKS is ready to fight Jem Eves at 8st., or any other light weight he is challenged at 7lb. 10lb. or 12lb. for £100. Money ready at Mr. Brettell's, White Lion, Bury-street, Wolverhampton.

This match between Jack Baldock and Jerry Regan is likely to prove another of the sensation matches for 1866; as our readers are aware, the former is to be catch weight, and the latter confined to 10st 10lb, and they, too, made their weekly deposit.

TOM TRICKS and JESSE HATTON.—A match is likely to be made between the two pugilists, who fought Tom King. They were having a meeting last night to settle the matter.

Tax Brighton Doctor, and Ned Donnelly, and Tom McKelvey are having "a right spar," and many words about match making. We had not ascertained with any certainty of the time when anything will be made, but it may have been come to. We have no doubt, however, that a match is likely to be made by Donnelly with either one or the other.

JACK JACKSON and ALICE GIBBS.—A match has not yet been made, but many words have been entered into to see that fight at catch weight for £25 a side, to come off in the London district, within twelve weeks of last Tuesday.

GROVES and JEM O'BALDUIN.—Another deposit of £200, and the fact of two heavy weights having to contend invests the contest with more than usual interest. Jack Groves, who is the mentor of O'Balduin, will be obliged by those gentlemen who promised to send money and having witnessed the match, to send their contributions as early as possible to him.

DILLON and TRAVERS.—These old opponents made good their usual weekly deposit with the stakeholder on Friday. As the affair does not seem to be progressing well, it is thought that the importance of the contest to the sporting public will endow it with before the day of meeting.

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Following this was an engagement between Leather's Nut, and Skett's Spoker, the terms being to run the best of 21 courses, for £25 a side. Referee, Mr. Chas. Eastwood. This was decided in favour of Nut, as will be seen from the following score.—Nut caught the 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 170th, 171st, 172nd, 173rd, 174th, 175th, 176th, 177th, 178th, 179th, 180th, 181st, 182nd, 183rd, 184th, 185th, 186th, 187th, 188th, 189th, 190th, 191st, 192nd, 193rd, 194th, 195th, 196th, 197th, 198th, 199th, 200th, 201st, 202nd, 203rd, 204th, 205th, 206th, 207th, 208th, 209th, 210th, 211st, 212nd, 213th, 214th, 215th, 216th, 217th, 218th, 219th, 220th, 221st, 222nd, 223rd, 224th, 225th, 226th, 227th, 228th, 229th, 230th, 231st, 232nd, 233rd, 234th, 235th, 236th, 237th, 238th, 239th, 240th, 241st, 242nd, 243rd, 244th, 245th, 246th, 247th, 248th, 249th, 250th, 251st, 252nd, 253rd, 254th, 255th, 256th, 257th, 258th, 259th, 260th, 261st, 262nd, 263rd, 264th, 265th, 266th, 267th, 268th, 269th, 270th, 271st, 272nd, 273rd, 274th, 275th, 276th, 277th, 278th, 279th, 280th, 281st, 282nd, 283rd, 284th, 285th, 286th, 287th, 288th, 289th, 290th, 291st, 292nd, 293rd, 294th, 295th, 296th, 297th, 298th, 299th, 300th, 301st, 302nd, 303rd, 304th, 305th, 306th, 307th, 308th, 309th, 310th, 311st, 312nd, 313th, 314th, 315th, 316th, 317th, 318th, 319th, 320th, 321st, 322nd,

THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE GAME LAWS.

The following has been addressed by the agent of a noble Lord in the county of Norfolk to a leading gentleman in the same county:—

"My dear Sir,—I send you a sketch of a memorial to the Prince of Wales. It strikes me that a few earnest men should form themselves into a committee of management, and that a fund should be raised for advertising on a broad scale, the form of the memorial. The more the subject is pressed on the attention of the public just now the better; there is nothing like striking when the iron is hot. My recommendation is that you should go boldly and bravely to work, so as to give an opportunity to as many as possible to attach their signature in addition to fastening the whole question on the public mind. The *Times* newspaper has got a miserable, wistly-washed leading article on the discussion at the Midland Farmers' Club, Birmingham; subject, 'The Game Laws.' It strikes me that you could not do better than secure the services of Mr. Reed, the newly-elected member of Parliament, in working the memorial, and in heading the deputation that may present it.

To His Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, &c.

"We, the undersigned tenant-farmers of Norfolk and Suffolk, venture to address your Royal Highness on a subject of deep importance, not only to ourselves, but to our fellow-countrymen. While we recognise in a loyal and devoted spirit your high position as heir to the throne of England, we come to you and make our appeal to your consideration in your private capacity as a landlord. The example of your Royal Highness will be of more service to us than an uncompulsory legislative enactment in the removal of the grievances of which we complain. It is not in the nature of Englishmen to be averse to field sports; but the excessive preservation of game which prevails in these days has become an evil of such magnitude as to create and foster positive disquietude and misery among us. The evil cannot be met by game rents or "compensation clauses," as they are called, in agreement with our landlords. A reciprocal good feeling between landlord and tenant cannot be secured by such expedients as these. For the sake of maintaining mutual confidence, without which there can be neither prosperity nor comfort, we ask, on the one hand, for liberty to protect ourselves against the depredations of the ground game, and on the other we seek to be entrusted with the preservation of the winged game for the landlord's use. Far be it from us to weary your Royal Highness with details. There is the fretting sore—here, under God, is the remedy. We trust, therefore, that the influence of your Royal Highness may be exercised in our behalf, so that this game question, which long has been and is now the fruitful source of discord, may become and continue to be a bond of union. With unfeigned respect we subscribe ourselves, &c."

The above memorial will be very likely to receive an immense number of signatures.

A WELL-KNOWN PIGEON SHOT IN TROUBLE.

At Wandsworth, on Saturday, Thomas Hutchins, a tobaccoist and a well-known pigeon shot, of Great Portland-street; George Puddle, valet, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, who were charged with being in the unlawful possession of a stolen gun, and Edward Foy, commission agent, and John Dutch, a dealer in horses, charged with being concerned with the others, were placed in the dock for final examination. The gun with other articles, including two coats, was stolen from the premises of Mr. William Chessman, a veterinary surgeon, of High-street, Wandsworth, on the 10th ultimo. The police instituted inquiries and ascertained that the gun had been pledged at the shop of Mr. Gill, in the Hampstead-road, for £3 10s., for the prisoner Hutchins. On Hutchins, who was accompanied by Puddle, going to redeem the gun, they were stopped and handed over to the police. The account given by Hutchins was that he purchased the gun of Foy, who was a stranger to him, for five guineas, through an introduction by Dutch, who had been known to him for some time.

Mr. Dayman discharged Puddle and Hutchins, the latter being called as a witness. The evidence against Dutch was that he told the police that he would "round" on Foy.

Dutch denied using the word "round." What he said was that he would tell all about Foy. The prisoner then stated that on the 14th



MR. HITCHEN, the famous Billiard Player, who defeated Roberts on Monday last.

ult. he was outside the horse repository in St. Martin's-lane, when he met Foy in the company of two men. Foy asked him if he could sell a gun, and he recommended him to Hutchins, who was a good shot, and if it suited him he would be likely to buy it. He did not know the other two men.

Mr. Dayman then discharged him, and he was called as a witness. Foy's defence was that he was in the Tottenham-court-road on the 13th ult., when he was accosted by two men named Macdonald and "Phil." They told him that they had a gun which they had won at a raffle for sale, and they employed him to sell it for them. He told Hutchins that the gun did not belong to him. He also said that Macdonald was killed on Christmas Day.

Mr. Dayman said that it was the old story, one man steals a gun and employs another to dispose of it. The gun had been traced to the prisoner's possession, and as he had not given a satisfactory account of it he would be imprisoned for two months with hard labour. The prisoner: I'll never go shooting any more. (Laughter.)

SALMON AND TROUT OVA FOR AUSTRALIA.

Active preparations are being made for the despatch of another consignment of salmon and trout ova to Australia; and as the management of the affair has been placed in the hands of the gentleman to whose assiduity, perseverance, and ingenuity the previous successful experiment was entirely due, we have little fear for the results on this occasion. The quantities, which it is hoped will amount to about 100,000 salmon ova, several thousand trout ova, as well as some charr

and salmon trout, will be despatched by the *Lincoln*, belonging to Messrs. Wigram and Sons, on board a vessel of nice house, holding upwards of 30 tons, and the requisites for the safe passage of this valuable consignment, are being completed. The necessary permission having been obtained, men are already engaged in several parts of the country in procuring spawning fish, and trust they will succeed in doing so in ample time for the departure of the vessel towards the end of the present month.—*Australian and New Zealand Gazette.*

JOSH BILLINGS ON BILLIARDS.

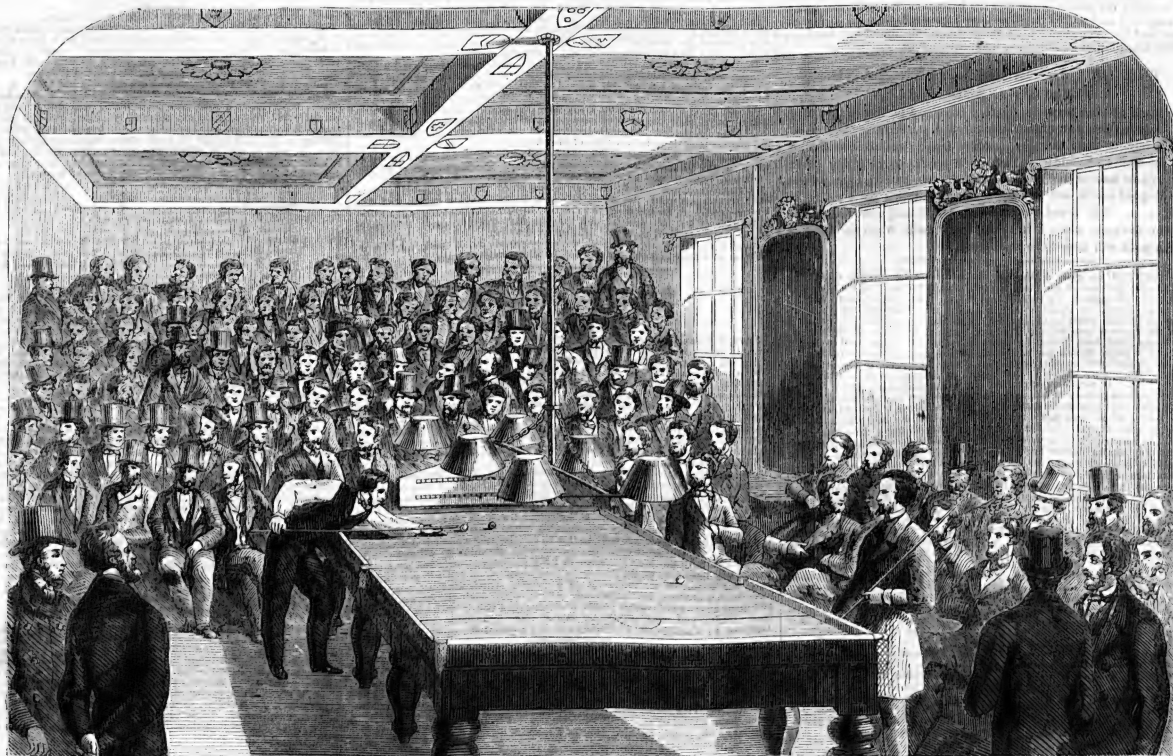
In the *Saturday Press*, of Philadelphia, United States Josh Billings thus ludicrously defines billiards:—"Bil- body seems to be getting crazy over a new game which has just been discovered, called billiards. It is played on the top of a table which is a little longer than it is wide, and the game consists of pushing sum round white balls again sum round white balls, until they drop little pudding bags which are hung onto the outside of table. It takes 2 men to play the game, but 4 or 5 can on. They oph their coats, and stand close up to the table, with a short peace on a fishing pole in their hands which has a chunk mark onto the end of it. They logies, by giving one of the balls a punch in the belly which sends it again the next one's belly, and so on, the 'other fellow's turn for punching comes on. But ought tew see the game; it kaint be delineated by pen. One feller generally beats the other feller, and then pays the landlord or the cunsar 25 cents for the privilege of gitting beat, and buys sum gin, with lemonade and all hands drink. Then 2 more takes hold of the poles, and they punch for a spell, and so it goes to 'elock in the morning; then each goes hum; has enjoyed the exercise, a little drunk, perhaps, but muscles in their breast are so expanded that they can't catch the consumption nor the small pox. 'This billiards."

A CUNNING HARE.—A short time ago the Brighton harriers sustained a loss by a manœuvre of the hare were following. Puss led them from the Downs, at Rottingdean, to the high cliffs near Saltdean. Here crossed the Newhaven road, and made towards the cliff as if she meant to go over them. That, however, was her design, but so closely did she skirt the edge of the cliff—here nearly 100 feet high—that it was pretty difficult for the pack, if they followed her, would come to grief. Coast-guardsmen on the spot tried to turn the dogs, but did so as regarded the greater number, but three of the leaders in their headlong pursuit went right over the edge of the cliff, and were killed. The hare was successful in her manoeuvre, and got away from her pursuers for that day.

NARROW ESCAPE OF MR. GARTH'S FOXHOUNDS.—This pack had the narrow escape of being cut to pieces by a train while hunting in the neighbourhood of the Virginia Waters; their taking a sharp turn, however, saved them, but one hound unfortunately got killed. It is a singular coincidence that it happened to be the same engine-driver and near the same spot, where a similar affair occurred last year, when the promptness of the engine-driver in pulling up was noticed by all present.

BILLIARDS.—On Saturday, at the Philharmonic, the 2nd handicap season, for a Silver Cup, was brought to a conclusion. The first players who had been left in were G. Davis and Brown, Marston and Baker. The first heat was won by Baker, owed 5, beating Marston 55. The second heat was won by G. Davis, owed 50, beating Brown 30. Baker and G. Davis then played the final heat, when after a very interesting game, during which Davis made a break of 54, G. Davis was declared the winner, his score being 100 to his opponent's 74. The betting towards the finish was 10 to 1 on Davis.

A match was played on Thursday evening last, at the Harrow House, Pondicherry, on a new table manufactured by Mr. G. Barber, between Mr. Roberts, the champion, and Mr. A. Metcalfe, between Mr. Roberts the champion, and Mr. Barber, the latter gentleman receiving 400 points in 1,000. The admirers of the game present had a great treat, Mr. Roberts being in excellent form, his breaks were 89, 87 twice, 73, 76, 60, 54, and 43. Mr. Barber showed some very good play, making one break of 54, and several others from 30 to 40, but notwithstanding all his efforts the champion won the game by 95.



BILLIARDS.—Roberts, the Champion, making his great 89 stroke.



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BILLIARDS.

We illustrate by a few easily understood diagrams some of the most difficult problems that occur to the young beginner in the game of billiards.

The Central Stroke.—The cue must be held horizontal to the centre of the ball, and struck fairly, either hard or gently, according to the necessity that presents itself.

The High Stroke. is made by hitting the ball a little above its centre, and with the cue raised a very little from the horizontal. In fact, the nearer you can keep your cue parallel to the table, the more successful you will be your stroke.

The High Following Stroke.—This is a stroke made still higher up from the centre of the ball. The hand and cue should be made to flow after the ball, and the effect of it is to impart to the ball struck a similar mode of progress, straight to the pocket or cushion.

The High Oblique Stroke.—The effect of this stroke is to make the ball jump up from the table, so as sometimes to force it over the top of the ball that may lie in its line of progress. Raise your bridge to the very tips of the fingers, and make the stroke by a sudden "job" downwards and forwards at the same instant.

The Low Stroke.—This is made by striking your ball below the counter; and by just as much as you strike it nearer to the table, you retard its progress.

The High Oblique Screw is made by striking the ball on its very top. Its effect is to cause the ball to jump a little and to twist back on its axis.

Case a is the **Central Stroke** combined with division of the object-ball, the angles of departure being equal to each other. Here the object-ball is sent forward in the direction of the dotted line, and the striker's ball proceeds to the other balls and canons.

Case c is the **High Following Stroke**, in which both balls proceed to the pocket, the one following the other in a direct line.

Case d is the **High Oblique Stroke**.

Case e is **The Dip**, which though rather difficult to show in a diagram will be sufficiently understood when tried on the table.

Case f exemplifies the **Screw** just according to the quantity of screw put on your ball—which in this case is supposed to be a baulk.

Case g is the **High Oblique Screw**, by which you make either a back cannon or a pocket.

Side Stroke.—To make the side stroke with ease and elegance, the player should stand well behind his ball and deliver his stroke with precision. It is not by any means easy to explain the reasons, much less the practice for the proper playing of side strokes; and, therefore, we advise the learner to get a good player to show him how to make the stroke; and then practice for a few hours on a private table. No better illustration of the side stroke can be found than in the striking a ball out of baulk and bringing it back into baulk, as in making a mis.

In the hazards it will be necessary to strike the ball with a moderate degree of strength only. A good deal depends too on the proper placing of the ball on the bank line. What the amateur should do is always to make the angle between the striking ball and the object ball as nearly equal as he can to that between the latter and the pocket.



Fig. 1.—The Striking Point.

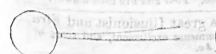


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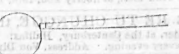


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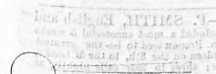


Fig. 4.—High Following Stroke.



Fig. 5.—High Oblique Stroke.

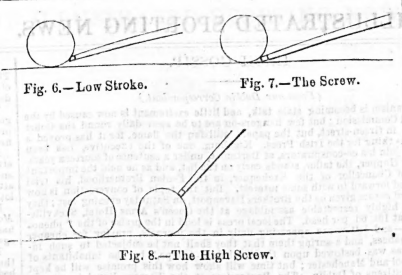


Fig. 6.—Low Stroke.

Fig. 7.—The Screw.

Fig. 8.—The High Screw.

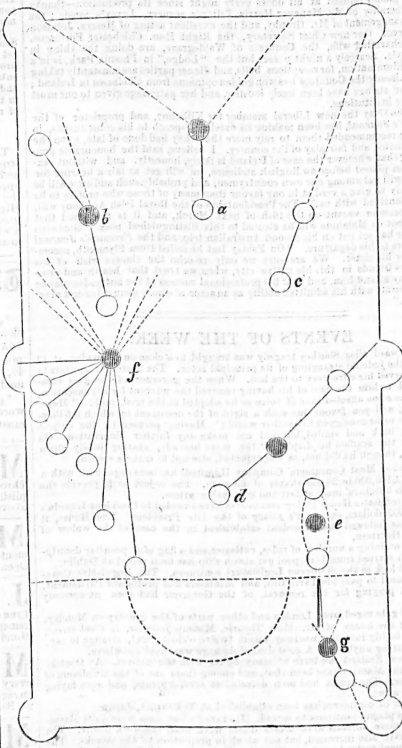


Fig. 9.—Exemplification of the strokes shown in Figs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

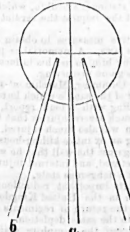


Fig. 10.—The Side Stroke—Position of cue for side stroke.

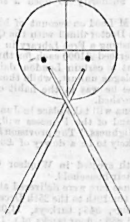


Fig. 11.—Position of cue for reverse side stroke.

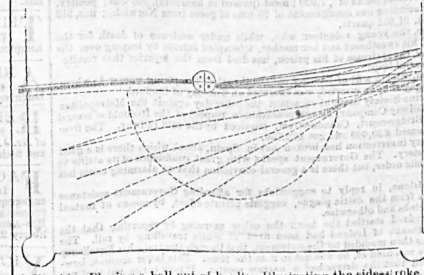


Fig. 12.—Playing a ball out of baulk—Illustrating the side stroke.

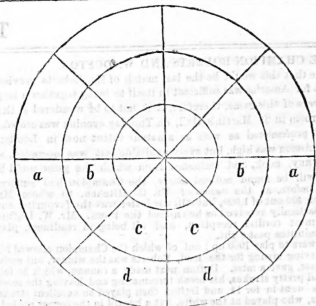


Fig. 13.—The Divided Ball, showing the various places at which it may be struck for side.

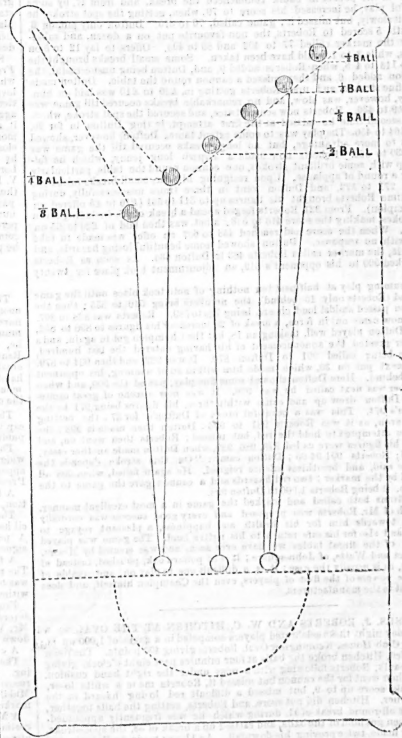


Fig. 14.—Losing Hazards.

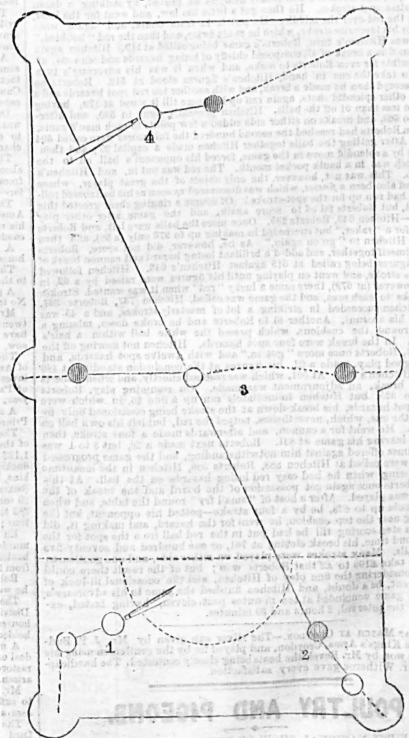


Fig. 15.—Winning Hazards.
1.—Five winning hazard. 2.—End ten stroke—Centre ten stroke. 3.—Spot stroke. 4.—Spot stroke.

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